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SUBJECT: GEORGIA STATE SENATOR BOND VISITS JAMAICA

1. GEORGIA STATE SENATOR JULIAN BOND VISITED JAMAICA DURING THE PERIOD JULY 9-16. IN THE COURSE OF HIS STAY, MR. BOND WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE LOCAL PRESS. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ACCOUNTS PUBLISHED BY THE "DAILY NEWS" AND "THE STA".

2. THE STAR CAPTIONED ITS STORY "GROUP WILL BE AMBASSADORS FOR JAMAICA" AND WROTE:  
BEGIN QTE: GOVERNOR (SIC) JULIAN BOND OF ATLANTA, USA HAS SAID HE HOPES TO ACCOMPANY A LARGER GROUP, POSSIBLY OF 200 PERSONS, ON A VISIT TO THE ISLAND NEXT YEAR.

GOVERNOR BOND WAS SPEAKING IN AN INTERVIEW WITH API AFTER HIMSELF AND HIS VISITING PARTY, A GROUP OF 26 PERSONS, WERE HOSTED AT A DINNER GIVEN BY MR. ARNOLD BERTRAM, MINISTER OF STATE FOR CULTURE AT "THE DIPLOMAT" (RESTAURANT) IN MONTEGO BAY ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

MR. BOND SAID THAT HIS GROUP COMPRISED MAINLY PERSONS IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AND THE TRIP TO  
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JAMAICA, SEEN AS A SYMPATHETIC NATION, WAS COUPLED WITH A CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAACP (THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLOURED PEOPLE). MR. BOND IS PRESIDENT OF THE ATLANTA CHAPTER OF THE ORGANIZATION.

THE GROUP ARRIVED ON SATURDAY JULY 9 AND LEFT FOR THE

USA ON SATURDAY LAST. COMMENTING ON THE VISIT,  
MR. BOND PUT IT CONCISELY: "YOU'VE JUST SEEN CREATED  
TWENTY-SIX AMBASSADOR".

ASKED ABOUT THE BAD PRESS JAMAICA HAS BEEN RECEIVING  
IN THE US AND WHETHER HE THOUGHT IT HAD SUBSIDED, THE  
VISITING GOVERNOR STATED THAT IT HAD JUST BEEN  
MARGINALLY REDUCED.

THE US PRESS IS NOT FRIENDLY TO MOST COUNTRIES, AND  
PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH ARE IDEOLOGICALLY DIFFERENT,  
HE EXPLAINED.

REFERRING TO THE GROUP HERE WITH HIM, HE SAID MOST  
WERE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CIVIL  
RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND KNEW BETTER THAN TO BELIEVE  
EVERYTHING THEY SEE IN THE AMERICAN PRESS, BECAUSE  
THEY TOO HAD SUFFERED.

THE 37-YEAR OLD GOVERNOR WAS ON HIS SECOND VISIT  
TO THE ISLAND. END QTE.

3. THE "DAILY NEWS" HEADED ITS ACCOUNT, "CARTER-  
BLACKS SHOWDOWN NOW DUE, SAYS BOND". ITS ACCOUNT SAID:

BEGIN QTE: ATLANTA GOVERNOR (SIC) JULIAN BOND IS OF  
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THE OPINION THAT A SHOWDOWN IS NOW DUE BETWEEN AMERICAN  
PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER AND THE BLACK VOTERS WHO  
HELPED PUT HIM IN OFFICE ON THE QUESTION OF DELIVERY  
OF HIS PROMISES TO THEM.

MR. BOND WHO IS ALSO A CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER AND  
PRESIDENT OF THE ATLANTA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLOURED PEOPLE  
(NAACP) MADE A ONE WEEK VISIT TO MONTEGO BAY ENDING ON  
SATURDAY LAST, WITH A GROUP OF 26 PEOPLE.

HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT "PRESIDENT CARTER HAS HAD  
HIS HONEYMOON," AND IT WAS NOW "TIME FOR THE PARTIES  
TO SAY EITHER WE GET ON TOGETHER OR A DIVORCE IS  
COMING."

GOVERNOR BOND HOPES THAT THE BLACK AMERICAN WILL PLACE  
MORE EMPHASIS ON ECONOMICS AND POLITICS BECAUSE  
"ALTHOUGH WE ARE A MINORITY, WE ARE WELL PLACED IN  
SOME STATES WHERE WE CAN TIP THE SCALES BETWEEN  
COMPETING GROUPS OF WHITE."

HE SAID THE BLACKS SHOULD LEARN TO GET MORE FROM  
PRESIDENT CARTER "THAN JUST BLACK FACES IN HIGH  
PLACES."

CONTINUING HE SAID "WE THINK IT'S FINE THAT THERE ARE  
BLACK FACES IN THE CABINET; THAT WE NOW HAVE A BLACK  
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS (ANDREW YOUNG) AND  
PAT HARRISON IN THE CABINET, BUT WE NEED JOBS FOR THE  
BLACK MAN AND BLACK WOMEN, THE UNSKILLED LABOURER,  
THE PERSON LOW DOWN ON THE ECONOMIC LADDER."

MR. BOND WENT ON TO SAY THAT "THOSE SORTS OF PEOPLE  
NEED SOMETHING DONE FOR THEM AND TO DATE WE'VE NOT  
SEEN THAT FORTHCOMING FROM THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION."  
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END QTE.  
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